

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] It is an object of the invention to provide a rail guide ~~on the basis of the state of the art according to DE 42 42 597 C2~~, in which the rail itself is improved, particularly in relation to the manufacturing process, ~~however, it has to be considered that~~ wherein the rail profile and the corresponding embodiment of the carriage in a branching region of a stacking area, allows for abandoning a turnout without modifying the profile. Furthermore, substantially over the displacement path of the sliding component, that is to say over the so-called main track, the complete profile of the rail guide should possibly be used by the carriage. Finally, a particular embodiment of the guiding rails should guarantee a smooth transition from one rail section to an adjoining rail section.

Amend paragraph [0018] as follows:

[0018] Figure 1 shows a rail guide 1 which, in the region of a main track, consists of guiding rails 6 and 6' joined to form a line of rails 28. In this case the guiding rail 6 is formed ~~diverted by means of a branching~~ with a branch 27 leading into a stacking area.

Amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

[0019] According to the cross sectional illustration of Figure 2, a sliding component 2, presenting two panels 3 in this embodiment example, is suspended ~~at~~ from a carriage 5 via a suspension bolt 15. The separate guiding rails 6 and 6', which have identical profiles and are disposed mirror-inverted with regard to one another, each ~~substantially consist of~~ includes a vertically extending strut 11, upper legs 12 and 12' disposed facing each another, as well as

lower legs 13 and 13' disposed facing each another, between which a longitudinal slot 14 is left for the passage of the suspension bolt 15. A ~~drive~~ running mechanism 4, ~~presenting-carrying~~ including support rollers 8 rolling on running paths 7 of the lower horizontal legs 13 and 13' as well as guiding rollers 9 and 10, is assigned to the carriage 5. In relation to the guiding roller 10, the guiding roller 9 is executed higher and, due to the positive guidance (see Figure 1), when entering the stacking area, will thus follow a flange 18 of the upper horizontal leg 12 oriented against the carriage 5. In this case during the branching action, the lower guiding roller 10 is able to run below the above mentioned flange 18 without even contacting it. As can be seen in Figure 2, as well as particularly in Figures 3 to 5, both in the region of the upper horizontal legs 12 and 12' and in the region of the lower horizontal legs 13 and 13', aligned ~~apertures~~ recesses 16 respectively 17 are provided, into which ~~centering~~ centering elements 30 ~~(not illustrated)~~ can be inserted, guaranteeing an accurate alignment of the butt joints of adjoining guiding rails 6, respectively 6'.